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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marc Rhoades at 9:06 AM on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 in Room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Gene Suellentrop - excused

Committee staff present:

J.G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Dylan Dear, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Michael Wales, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, First Assistant, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Cindy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Dr. Roy Jensen, Director, University of Kansas Cancer Center, provided an update on the progress toward the National Cancer Institute designation (Attachment 1). He noted that the KU School of Pharmacy has been ranked fifth for several years and has been instrumental in development of drugs and medical research. He discussed the partnerships with the Midwest Cancer Alliance, the Kansas Masonic Center Research Institute, KU Clinical Research Center and the Sowers Institute for Medical Research. A review of the center's future plans includes a Kansas Bioscience Authority personalized medicine initiative, comprehensiveness, organ based program, and integration and interactiveness of the Cancer Biology Program, he stated. The economic impact reflects a funding growth of approximately \$54 million, start up recruitment packages, job creation and new jobs projected for FY 2011-2015.

Dr. Jensen responded to questions from committee members. A review of clinical studies, which are FDA approved, followed. He noted that the KU scientists are the driving force that makes the clinical trials happen. Dr. Jensen stated that it would be difficult to build the cancer center without the support of the Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA). It was noted that there were no specific or general issues related to the evaluation of projects or awarding of funds, only an audit concern relating to an individual. He stated the

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importance of the partnerships that are working towards a regional goal of building the cancer center. A funding stream of approximately \$50 million per year, which primarily comes from federal funds and advocacy organizations, will help pay for highly skilled employees, he noted.

Myrna Krehibel, Director, Circles of Hope, provided an overview of the program (Attachment 2). Wanda Humphry, Coach, Circles of Hope, discussed outcomes on a local and national level. Denise Rhoades, Training Director, presented information on methods and innovative approaches to moving people out of poverty and tools to help them become self-sufficient. Questions by committee members followed. It was noted that Circles of Hope connects people in need with available resources.

Program participant, Michelle, shared her personal testimony and the positive impact Circles of Hope played in her life.

Circles of Hope representatives responded to questions from committee members. The process for establishing a Circles of Hope within local communities was discussed. Kansas has been identified as the State Training Center for other initiatives to establish a Circles of Hope program. Circles of Hope does not provide direct services, but develops relationships that connects people in need with available resources, it was noted.

Hearing on:

HB 2298 - Granting authority to the executive director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs to transfer funds between state general fund appropriated accounts.

Jim Wilson, First Revisor, Revisor of Statutes, provided an overview of **HB 2298**, which amends the general law to authorize and certify fund transfers from the State General Fund (SGF) (Attachment 3). He responded to questions from committee members. This amendment would authorize the Executive Director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, as approved by the Director of the Budget to transfer SGF within the same fiscal year. Transfer certification would be provided to the Director of Accounts and Reports and to the Director of Legislative Research. The amendment would not allow the transfer of funds between special revenue funds. Federal grant dollars have restrictions on how the money is spent, he added.

Chairman Rhoades stated that a review and possible recommendation for a proviso to the bill may be forthcoming regarding special revenue funds that are non-federal funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.